

FEE POLICY ENDED ON '72 NIXON FUNDS

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Money Will Not Be Used to
Defend Guilty Ex-Aides
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WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—Two trustees of President Nixon's leftover campaign funds have decided to end a policy that allows use of the money to pay legal fees of former campaign officials found guilty of misdemeanors.

Charles E. Potter and Guilford Dudley Jr., the trustees, have also drawn up new language for a trust agreement that specifically bars the third trustees, Maurice H. Stans, from taking part in any future decision on whether to pay Mr. Stans' legal expenses.

Mr. Stans, former Secretary of Commerce and finance chief of the Nixon re-election campaign, is on trial in New York Federal Court on charges of perjury and conspiracy arising from a secret \$200,000 campaign contribution.

Mr. Potter, a former United States Senator from Michigan, and Mr. Dudley, a Nashville insurance executive, said in separate telephone interviews today that they had also proposed language that would deny reimbursement of legal fees to a former campaign official who is acquitted of felony charges if trustees believe he was in fact guilty.

Stans Was Informed

Mr. Potter and Mr. Dudley said they informed Mr. Stans of the changes by telephone last Saturday.

While they said Mr. Stans had not objected, Mr. Potter said it had come as something of a surprise and that Mr. Stans said, "Let's turn it over to the lawyers."

"I said, 'It's going to be done or else you're going to lose a couple of trustees,'" said Mr. Potter.

"I told Stans if it wasn't done I'd resign," said Mr. Dudley. "He said, 'Well, it will never come to that.'"

Mr. Dudley said he and Mr. Potter had discussed the new language at a meeting in Washington Wednesday.

He said Thomas P. Jackson, long-time lawyer for the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, which Mr. Stans headed from its inception early in 1972 until it closed its books last month, had brought up numerous questions, saying, "I'm not sure about this, that and the other thing."

"But we just ruled him down," said Mr. Dudley. "We said we're gonna do this or else."

Mr. Jackson is a law partner of Kenneth W. Parkinson, the Finance Committee's chief outside counsel in most of the major legal actions that arose from the Watergate break-in in June, 1972.

Mr. Parkinson was indicted in the Watergate cover-up along with six other former campaign and White House officials last month.